

I wanted to let you know that the House recently passed [H.R. 2587](#), the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act, with my strong support. H.R. 2587 would prevent the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), a federal agency responsible for overseeing our nation's labor laws, from forcing a business to relocate jobs or to halt production at a particular facility. In recent months, the NLRB has made efforts to force quicker union elections and it has appointed an official who has expressed radical views on labor-employee relations in the past. Its actions have raised concern that it has taken a dramatically aggressive, pro-union bent under the Obama Administration.

Let me offer some brief background on this legislation. The NLRB filed a complaint against Boeing, the Seattle-based aircraft manufacturer, seeking to stop it from opening a new aircraft assembly facility in South Carolina. The NLRB's complaint alleged that Boeing was engaging in "unfair labor practices" by locating their new facility in South Carolina, a "right-to-work state" that prohibits labor unions from requiring dues as a condition for employment. The NLRB wanted Boeing to open its facility in Washington, a non-right-to-work state. Specifically, the NLRB argued that Boeing moved work to South Carolina to retaliate against union strikers at its Washington state facilities. Boeing, however, has denied these allegations, claiming that South Carolina provides the company with the lowest cost option for their new facility. In fact, they have noted that there has been an increased demand for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, commenting that the project has actually added 2,000 more jobs in the State of Washington even with the planned expansion in South Carolina.

Most concerningly, if the administrative judge agrees with the NLRB's complaint, or if H.R. 2587 is not enacted, the NLRB will have effectively shut down a South Carolina plant by executive fiat. A federal regulator will order Boeing to transfer work to a different state based solely on that regulator's opinion. This creates an extremely troubling precedent for job creation and threatens the ability of American companies to do business in our nation as they see fit.

I do not believe that the workers in South Carolina should be punished for living in a more business-friendly state. This is yet another example of a needlessly complex and expensive regulatory environment stifling job creation and economic growth in our country. During this difficult economic time, we should do everything possible to create an environment that allows American businesses – our job creators – to invest, grow and thrive. H.R. 2587 is commonsense legislation that would promote job creation, and I will continue to do what I can to see it enacted.

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